Peter Styles, Member for Sanderson

Darwin Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee meets for the first time

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The Darwin Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee has met and both Katherine and Darwin Committees are focused on putting meeting outcomes into action.

“I am pleased to confirm today, the Darwin Flood committee met for the first time on the weekend,” Darwin committee chair and Minister for Business Peter Styles said.

“Both committees have made great headway in their inaugural meetings, with plans to improve community safety, as well as reduce the damage, disruption and costs associated with major flood events.

“Presentations were provided by the Department of Land Resource Management and the Northern Territory Planning Commission.

“These presentations along with input from committee members will help the Northern Territory Government better understand existing mapping, historical flood mitigation reports and land use planning.

“The first meeting of the Katherine Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee was held on the 13th February. My colleague and member for Katherine Willem Westra Van Holthe is the committee chair.”

The formation of Flood Mitigation Advisory Committees was a promise announced by Chief Minister Adam Giles on 20 November 2014. The announcement allocated $25 million towards flood mitigation in Rapid Creek and the Darwin Rural Area, with another $25 million for Katherine.

“Flood mitigation is expensive work that no Government has ever been willing to do before and I’m pleased the Giles Government is getting along with putting the announcement into action,” said Minister Styles.

“The Country Liberals want to reduce the impact of flooding. We are calling for ideas from the community. Provide us with your anecdotal evidence and suggest topics the Committees can explore.”

Darwin committee chairman Peter Styles said a report will be drafted for public consultation before submitting a final report to Government for consideration.
“The Giles Government knows Territorians want to and have the right to contribute. Both committees want to hear from you, residents, business owners and the broader community, so get in touch with your local committee by emailing Darwinfloodcommittee.dlpe@nt.gov.au or Katherinefloodcommittee.dlpe@nt.gov.au"

“Just as every flood is different, the impact of a flood is different for every resident,” said Minister Styles.

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